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CLAIM TO PRIORITY

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of the following prior foreign application filed in Germany under the International (Paris) Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (Stockholm Act July 14, 1967) is hereby requested and the right of priority provided in 35 U.S.C. 119 is hereby claimed.

Germany:

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A certified copy of the priority document is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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